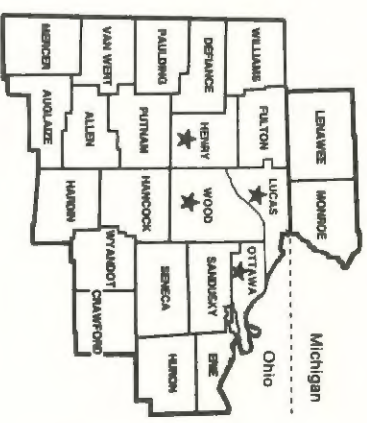


the SIGHT CENTER

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Daily Living Skills Program for Blind Children Attracts National Attention

National attention is being focused on a program that brings selected blind children from the Toledo School District to the Sight Center during school hours for concentrated instruction in daily living skills.

Children from kindergarten through grade 12 are included.

Currently, 20 from the district's self-contained classes for the blind, plus three with multiple handicaps, are taking part.

Another 37 blind youngsters are considered no longer in need of such training and have been "mainstreamed" into regular classes.

"Our goal is to enable these young people to become independent adults," said Patricia Williams, supervisor of programs for multi-handicapped, orthopedically handicapped, and visually handicapped students in the Toledo School District.

Legislators, representatives from the American Foundation for the Blind, U.S. Department of Education and others displayed keen interest when mechanics of the program were

described at the National Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C., last year, Ms. Williams said.

A state-wide mandate requires Ohio school districts to provide instruction in daily living skills to sight-handicapped children, but the local program is believed to be the only one in the nation in which that instruction is provided outside the schools, Ms. Williams said.

It is the outgrowth of a partnership between parents, educators and the Sight Center dating to 1979, when the first group of children was brought to the Center for classes during summer vacation.

Prior to 1979, daily living skills were taught in Toledo schools by district teachers certified by the state, but results were not entirely satisfactory, Ms. Williams said.

Teachers often found it difficult to work daily living skills into the rest of the curriculum, and certain necessary equipment was lacking, she explained. "The Sight Center had the training apartment and the professional staff.



Michael Wernert, 10, a student at Glendale-Fiebach School, gets a hand down from driver Clarence Dunlap en route to daily living skills class.

Capital Drive Under Way

A \$500,000 capital improvements campaign to correct several long-standing problems at the Sight Center got under way this month.

The drive marks the first time in the agency's 63-year history that direct financial help has been sought from the public for capital improvements, said William A. Marti, president of the Board of Trustees.

Thomas R. Day, vice president of Willis Day Storage Company, and of the Sight Center's board of trustees, is general campaign chairman.

Top priority for the new funds has been assigned to replacing the Center's 30-year-old flat roof and installing insulation, a job estimated at \$90,000.

Other major improvements include modernization of the rehabilitation department, purchase of additional training equipment, and eliminating a number of safety hazards.

Emphasis will be placed on energy economy wherever possible to reduce future operating costs.

The campaign will conclude in mid-August.



Ryan King, center, and Ryon Luppo, right, were paying full attention to their daily living skills assignment—making a batch of brownies from scratch—when their concentration was recorded by the photographer. Children's specialist Pam Croson lent a steadying hand.



Scrambling and trying eggs proved no problem to Colleen Gallagher, a fourth-grade student at Elmhurst School, Toledo, during a recent lesson. Colleen received a satisfactory grade for her work—then proceeded to polish off the eggs.

We said, "Why not cooperate?"

At its outset, the program was only a partial success, due to frequent interruptions when instructors or the students' families went on vacation.

Things moved into high gear in 1982, when federal flow through dollars to support the program became available. The current contract pays the agency \$25,000 per year, which also covers cost of transporting the children both ways in the Sight Center van.

Early last year, the Center employed a full-time children's specialist, Pamela Croson, who holds a master's degree in her specialty from Ohio State University.

Among the many skills she teaches are cooking and baking, sewing, identifying coins and paper money, tying shoes, washing dishes, matching clothing, telling time, personal hygiene, water safety, social skills, vocational skills, and others.

One of the school district's teachers of the self-contained units — Katherine Ray, Darlene Limmer, and Martha Limmer — is also present when a class comes to the Center.

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Children . . .

When schools close for the summer, Mrs. Croson goes to the children's homes, where teaching is directed at parents, too.

"Intensive instruction has really helped these children — especially the younger ones," Ms. Williams emphasized. "By improving their social and self-help skills, they blend more easily into the mainstream of the student body."

"Parents tell us that their children are doing more things at home, washing dishes, making their own beds, and so on."

She cited the case of a 16-year-old who has blossomed into a well-adjusted teenager despite having been virtually isolated and immobilized by over-protective parents who insisted on doing most things for him.

Where once the youth had spent his hours at home listening to tapes and radio, he now takes an active role in family affairs, and mingles easily with people of all ages outside the home.

Citing some of the program's other successes, Ms. Williams said that several older blind students who had been slated to continue participating in it until graduation made such rapid progress that they are now fully mainstreamed, and have no need of it.

Others have received their high school diplomas and gone on to college, she said, while some have found employment locally — one as an attendant on a river cruise ship, another as a janitor.

"These young people don't all have the same levels of ability, and will not all achieve the same things," she pointed out.

As another measure of the program's success, Ms. Williams said that in 1981, Toledo Schools were able to place only one visually-handicapped student from DeVilbiss High School into the Skill Center at Rogers High School — the purpose being to teach him community and home service skills that might lead to employment in a motel, hotel, or nursing home.

The next year, two such students moved into vocational training. In the 1983-84 school year, the number increased to four. Last year, the total was increased to six.

"Employers tell us that our blind students and graduates, including some in summer employment, are coming to the job with better attitudes, more capable, efficient and productive, that they merge more readily into the work force."

"I attribute all of these positive results to the cooperation between the schools, the Sight Center, and the homes — parents as well as students."

The program will be reviewed by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Handicapped at that organization's international conference in Chicago July, 9.

Learning by Doing



Shawn Cook, above left, and Johnny Payton, center, didn't seem convinced that the water in the Red Cross pool on Collingwood Avenue was as great as they'd been told. But before their lessons in adaptive water safety were over, both were crossing the pool confidently with Pam Croson or other instructors. On another day, John Meach, left, was practicing a different skill—the proper way to clean a washbowl—under Mrs. Croson's instructions.



Participating will be Barry McEwen, executive director; Mary Reiff, mobility instructor; Mrs. Croson and Ms. Williams. They will present a paper, "Transition: Private Rehabilitation Centers Working With Public School Districts."

The Council for Exceptional Children, another national organization, has also expressed interest.

Agency Prohibits Smoking in Building

Smoking has been prohibited in the Sight Center.

The new policy was adopted last October, partly in response to complaints from non-smokers, but also due to the growing body of scientific evidence that proves that the presence of tobacco smoke in the atmosphere (passive smoking) presents a serious health hazard, Barry McEwen, executive director, explained, and the fact that tobacco smoke damages sensitive computer equipment.

The no-smoking rule applies to all persons—clients, visitors, and employees—in all areas of the Center except the workshop, which is leased to Merit Industries, and in the cafeteria.

U.S. Blind Chess Meet Slated for Findlay in July

Blind chess players from around the nation will gather in Findlay, Ohio, again this year for the U.S. Blind Chess Championship Tournament.

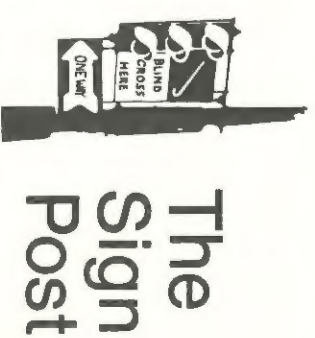
The event, sponsored by Ohio District 13-A Lion and Lioness Clubs and the Findlay Chess Club, will be held July 25-27 at the Imperial House Motel.

Invitations went out in March to 200 blind players, according to Lester Bowman, tournament coordinator for the Findlay Lions Club.

Competition will consist of five-round Swiss match play, beginning with a single game Friday evening, July 25, followed by three games on Saturday and concluding with the final game Sunday.

Any blind or legally blind chess player is eligible, providing the player is a member of the U. S. Chess Federation, or becomes a member by tournament time.

Housing and buffet meals will be provided by the sponsors, up to a maximum of \$90 per player, in the Imperial House Motel. Players must make an advance deposit of \$20, Mr. Bowman said.



Two area students were named to the Hadley School for the Blind's honor roll for work completed through the Winnetka, Illinois, institution last fall.

Marvin Heminger, Hudson, Michigan, was recognized for his work in Braille Spelling/Word Study.

Debbie Preble, Findlay, Ohio, was cited for her work in Introduction to Microcomputers.

Mr. Heminger, a former Toledoan who lost his sight in 1979, is currently studying Essentials of Nemeth, a braille arrangement in mathematics, through the Hadley School.

He has previously completed Braille I, Braille II, Abacus I, Abacus II, and Metrics I.

Dr. Ruth Lindecker, professor of special education at the University of Toledo, was appointed in February to a three-year term on the Ohio Bureau of Service for the Visually Impaired's advisory committee.

Nancy Brock, client advocate for the Sight Center, was appointed in January to the Ohio Library Service's consumer advisory committee. The committee advises the State Library of Ohio on program and policy matters relating to the Talking Book program.

Jackie Geer became the Center's receptionist last November 18.

Ms. Geer, a lifelong Toledoan, was formerly employed as secretary at Sylvan Learning Center. She is a graduate of Stautzenberger College, Toledo.



The logo above has been adopted as the international symbol for blindness by the World Blind Union, an international, non-governmental organization composed of representatives of the blind and agencies serving the blind.

How Near the Eye of the Bull?

The Sight Center Newsletter exists primarily to provide up-to-date information to those who take an interest in sight-related matters. To a lesser extent, it serves as a fund-raising tool.

Because the general area of "sight" is broad, the newsletter contains multiple topics in each edition and presents them in a variety of forms: news items, feature stories, editorials, photographs, letters from clients or other interested parties. Some of this information is set forth in dollars and cents, or other hard statistics. Some is more abstract. Some focuses on the intimate experiences of people who have suffered sight loss, and how they adapted to that loss; or who have lost it and regained it; or who have preserved it by learning that it was in danger, and taking appropriate action.

We try to discuss the many forms of blindness, their prevalence and their impact. Some of our stories deal with trends in medicine or technology; others involve rehabilitation, mobility, volunteer participation, Talking Books or other aids and appliances, employment, travel, recreation, legal matters, actions by our board of trustees, changes in its membership, and personnel changes.

Considerable space is also devoted to acknowledging the gifts of people who help support the agency with their financial contributions.

We'd appreciate knowing how close the Newsletter comes to achieving its goals — what its strengths and weaknesses are, whether changes in content, format, or frequency of publication might improve it, or whether it should be left pretty much as it is.

If the newsletter you received contains a postcard questionnaire, you can help by filling it out and returning it. To reduce costs, we are sending a questionnaire only to every fifth reader. If you wish, you can help the Sight Center limit postage costs by affixing your own, first class stamp to the questionnaire. If you did not receive a questionnaire but would like to, call (419) 241-1183.

Client Comment

The Sight Center frequently receives letters from current or former clients expressing their views on the training and counseling they have received, often describing the changes their lives have undergone. Space limitations prevent printing of all of them, but two recent letters are printed here with permission of the authors.

The first, from Belva Shertzer, of Toledo, was directed to Debbie Danford, rehabilitation teacher for the Ohio Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, who had referred Mrs. Shertzer to the Sight Center for training early last year. Mrs. Shertzer became legally blind from macular degeneration five years ago. The original was written by hand on white paper with a high-contrast, broad-tip, black felt pen. The second letter was written in October, 1985, by Isabelle Sinclair, Port Clinton, Ohio.

Dear Friend Debbie,

I want to try and say thank you! I would of cracked up if it was not for the help I have gotten from the Sight Center. Gail (Sheffield, rehabilitation teacher) has had to be a saint. But she has taught me how to take care of myself real good by showing me and explaining. I try real hard to write — but all the pills I have to take have affected my eyes. I don't see as well as I did.

I am so grateful I can still bake and do so much — without her training I'd of given up long ago — and Mary (Reif, orientation and mobility teacher) has taken away my fear of being on the street alone. I go to the grocery store and the drug store alone. And no fear. I am to learn to ride the bus soon — then I can at least go for a ride to get out. Thank you for getting the Lions Club to get me the clock. I will try to write and say thank you...to them. Also, I will have to have someone (address) the (envelope) for this ...as I can't get the (address) to fit the (envelope). I do pretty good on short addresses, though, like to my chil-

dren in Texas, and friends. They tell me I'm doing better. They can at least read it now.

I hope you and yours are doing fine. Thanks again.

Belva Shertzer
Toledo, Ohio

Sight Center
1819 Canton St.
Toledo, Ohio 43624

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to tell you that Bonnie Pounds has been a big help to me. She has made many suggestions that I have followed and enjoyed the improvement in doing things. She is very pleasant and business like.

Thank all of you.

Sincerely,
Isabelle Sinclair
Port Clinton, Ohio

(Former rehabilitation teacher Bonnie Pounds resigned last Dec. 31 to accept employment with the Ohio Bureau of Rehabilitation Services in Columbus.)

Adaptive Training



Local USABA Group Formed

Five local athletes met at the Sight Center in January to organize a Toledo chapter of the United States Association for Blind Athletes (USABA).

The group has begun training in hope of participating in USABAs 1986 summer national championships June 8-14 at California State University, Long Beach, CA., according to Kevin Perrine, the chapter's president.

Additional members are welcome, he added. Sighted volunteers are also needed.

Scott Parker, at 18 the youngest of the group, will compete in various track and field events.

Jon Whittaker, 23, and the group's treasurer, was a varsity wrestler while a student at Toledo's DeVilbiss High School, but will compete in long-distance running events.

Kevin Perrine, 25, will compete as a wrestler and swimmer.

Debbie Sierra, 32, and the only non-Toledoan in the group, hails from Temperance, MI. She will compete in running events, as will Norman Rutherford, at 47 the group's senior member, who has been running competitively for several years.

Raising money to pay for travel, housing and food represents a bigger problem at the moment than being physically fit. Each of the group can pay part of his own expenses, but financial assistance will have to be found if all are to make the meet, according to Mr. Perrine.

So far only Scott Parker, who will be sponsored by The Telephone Pioneers of America, is sure of adequate funding.

"If the rest of us don't make it to Long Beach this year, we expect to keep training and point for the 1987 national meet," said Jon Whittaker.

It was raining the day Jon Whittaker, left, and Norm Rutherford arrived at the University of Toledo to train for this month's USABA meet. Lacking human sighted running companions, they obliged the photographer with several short dashes outside Centennial Hall, steered by their Labrador Retriever guide dogs. The photo was posed, of course, but their purpose was serious: both are training hard for the meet.

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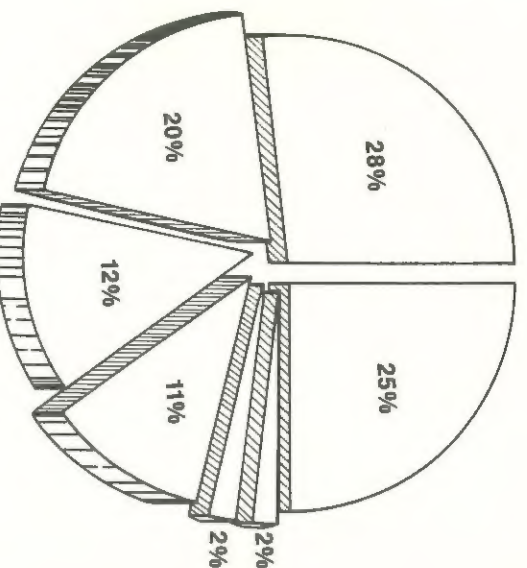
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1985 Annual Report

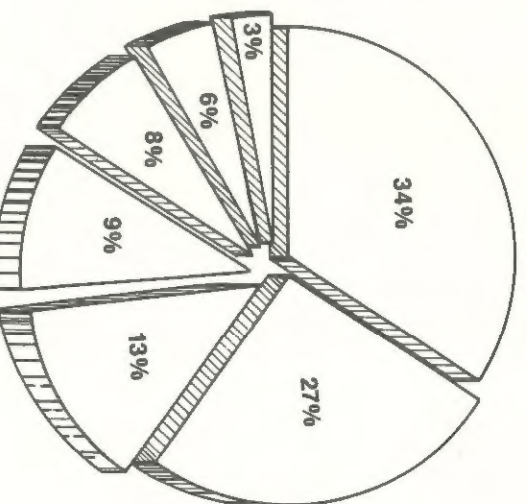
The Toledo Society for the Blind

INCOME



United Way	28%
Public Support	25%
Bequests	20%
Investments	12%
Service Fees/Govt. Grants	11%
Aids & Appliance Sales	2%
Christmas Cards & Misc.	2%

EXPENSES



Rehabilitation	34%
General & Admin.	27%
Sight Conservation	13%
Fund-raising	9%
Public Education	8%
Aids & Appliances	6%
Volunteers	3%

SERVICES RENDERED

New referrals to social services	1985	1984
Clients receiving rehabilitation teaching	382	362
Clients receiving orientation and mobility training	296	292
Talking Book machines in clients' homes	107	138
Pre-school vision screenings	2,476	2,483
School-age vision screenings	4,901	2,187
Adult glaucoma/visual acuity screenings	18,506	11,268
Persons served, Community Medical Eye Clinic	6,743	7,924
Persons served, Community Eye Clinic	338	376
Other sight conservation services	321	294
Hours taping books, articles, and misc.	350	269
	1,186	1,582

Volunteers	434	444
Volunteer hours	12,632	12,256
Approximate number of persons served	33,524	27,381

Totals must be approximated due to overlapping in services rendered to individual clients, i.e.: many given mobility lessons also received rehabilitation teaching, Talking Books, counseling, etc.

Statements of Support, Revenue and Expenses Years ended December 31, 1985 and 1984

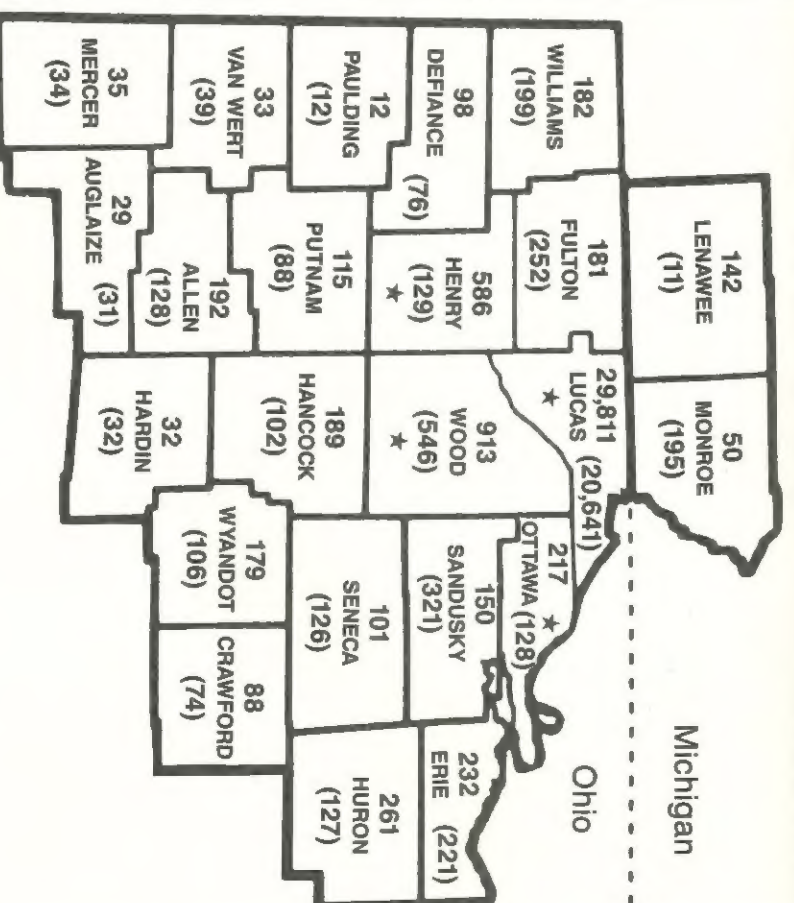
	1985	1984
Support and Revenue		
Public contributions	\$113,726	\$ 86,266
Bequests	136,599	104,385
Grants:		
Government	2,500	—
Other	3,000	—
Donated Services	50,301	52,545
Memorials	3,889	3,267
United Way of Greater Toledo	180,600	180,600
United Way of Henry County	6,300	6,000
Fees from Government Agencies	5,090	6,485
Sales of Services	64,636	222,690
Sales of Aids & Appliances	10,885	8,963
Investment Income	19,020	18,966
Oil Royalty Income	36,902	41,340
Rental Income, Net of Related Costs	23,471	27,275
Christmas Cards, Net of Related Costs	5,439	3,932
Other	7,085	6,440
Total Support and Revenue	\$669,443	\$769,154

Expenses		
Program Services:		
Aids and Appliances	37,455	34,020
Rehabilitation	211,000	198,241
Sight Conservation	79,175	71,405
Sheltered Workshop	—	217,498
Total Program Services	\$327,630	\$521,164

Supporting Services:		
Fund Raising	55,212	49,791
Public Education	48,603	46,089
Volunteers	22,159	25,284
General and Administrative	171,047	195,612
Total Supporting Services	297,021	316,776
Total Expenses	624,651	837,940
Excess (deficiency) of Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$ 44,792	\$(68,786)

The above information is a summary of the operations of the Toledo Society for the Blind taken from the Society's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1985. Such information does not include balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, or notes to financial statements necessary for presentation of financial information in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Society's audited financial statements are available at the Society's offices.

Where We Served



The county-by-county distribution of Sight Center services for 1985 is shown here, with comparative figures for 1984 in parentheses. Totals include persons participating in the Talking Book program, those screened in the Prevention of Blindness program, and those who received direct services such as orientation and mobility training, rehabilitation teaching, and social services.

Talking Book services in Monroe and Lenawee Counties, Michigan, are provided by a Michigan agency.

The Sight Center is a member of the United Way only in those counties where a star is shown.



People who have lost their sight are sometimes apprehensive about dining in public, but with practice, self-confidence can be restored. That's what clients Lois Henning (standing to carve meat), Kurt Dial, at the end of the table, Margaret Tobin, and Erestina Zuljevic were doing — practicing their technique on Chicken Diva, prepared especially for the lesson by rehabilitation teacher Ron Pompei.

Rehabilitation counselor Vicki Obee, partially hidden behind Mr. Pompei, also practiced with the group after donning special glasses to simulate blindness.

For their final exam, the lunch group had dinner at Real Seafood, Portside.



The adult phase of the Sight Center's prevention of blindness program was expanded last year to include visual acuity testing. The machine being used above by Patricia Bennett, right, head of the blindness prevention program, is similar to those used in Ohio driver's license examinations.



Blind since birth, 13-year-old Guy Schlosser had to learn his way around a new school when he entered the 8th grade at Anthony Wayne High School South, in Whitehouse, OH., last year. Using materials from a kit designed for such situations, mobility teacher Mary Reiff created a small-scale replica of the school's physical layout, enabling him to develop a mental image of the building and grounds by tracing it with his hands. Guy, who uses a computer at home and in school for study, is also a wrestler and runner.



Franz Siedler, 74, of Holland, OH., has had to make many adjustments in his lifestyle since losing his central vision to macular degeneration last year. Since he can no longer read, he relies on the wealth of material available to him through the Talking Book program, using a cassette tape player on indefinite loan from the Sight Center. Other aids and appliance also serve him well, including signature and letter-writing guides, and special sunglasses. And although he has also had to give up hunting — long a favorite sport — he remains an ardent fisherman.



Frank Lininger Named Goerlich Award Winner

Frank J. Lininger, whose contributions to the cause of sight preservation cover nearly a decade, has been named 1986 recipient of the John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award.

The award was created two years ago to recognize those who have performed outstanding, consistent service to the blind. Mr. Goerlich was the first recipient. Thomas R. Day was the 1985 selectee.

Mr. Lininger became active in volunteer work following retirement in 1978 from Conrail, having spent most of his 45 years with the railroad and its predecessors, Penn Central and the old New York Central, as conductor on the road.

He joined the Maumee Lions Club the same year, and "just naturally gravitated" into sight-related activities, he said. He is currently president of the club, a position he also held in 1979-80, and is current chairman of Zone 4, District 13-A, for Ohio Lions.

He is also vice president of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Bank; served as area chairman last year of the Cancer Society, and has served as a collector in the Easter Seal campaign and the Mothers March on Polio.

When non-contact (air-puff) tonometers became available several years ago, Mr. Lininger attended classes at Medical College of Ohio to become an operator. He has since worked closely with the Sight Center's prevention of blindness staff to screen the sight of thousands of people throughout the agency's 23-county service area.

He has also served as a volunteer driver for blind people needing transportation to hospitals, doctors' offices, supermarkets and other places more times than he can remember.

He was named one of Lucas County's 10 Outstanding Senior Citizens in 1983 by the Area Office on Aging.

He and his wife, Maxine, have two daughters, Mrs. William Porter, and Mrs. Richard Wielinski, and four grandchildren.

Volunteers Honored for Services

The importance of the work volunteers perform was underscored again this year as more than 100 Sight Center volunteers and staff members gathered April 16 for the Seventh Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon.

Together, 434 agency volunteers donated 12,632 hours of service to the blind community in 1985, performing tasks that ranged from stuffing envelopes to reading mail, from chauffeuring blind passengers to doctors' offices to participating in glaucoma screenings, from sorting donated eyeglasses to brailing or taping books for blind students.

By conservative estimate, their contributions translate into more than \$50,000 in time and skills — funds the agency does not have, executive director Barry McEwen pointed out.

Leading the way were three veterans: Don Burwell, of Luna Pier, MI., who rang up more than 600 hours, mainly in the Phone-A-Friend Program; Larry Barnes, Toledo, who specializes in driving; and Henry Nelson, Waterville, who tapes books and drives, each with more than 500 hours.

Also receiving special recognition were:

John Hirsch, Nancy Burton, and Marian Purnia, with over 300 hours;

BGSU Graduate Ends Internship

Greg A. Smith, a Bowling Green State University graduate student, completed a 14-week internship in social services at the Sight Center April 29.

He is a resident of Wellsburg, West Virginia, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology/Government from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon.

Mr. Smith received three hours of graduate academic credit for his work here. He expects to receive his Master of Rehabilitation Counseling degree from BGSU next August.

Four TU Students Serve Practicums

Four University of Toledo students spent 25 hours at the Sight Center in April and May in practicums designed to prepare them for special education teaching.

Ismail Shaw and Diane Oreccio, both of Toledo, are working toward master's degrees in teaching of the visually impaired.

Michl Randolph, Grove City, is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree. Denise Burns, Versailles, Ohio, is working toward a bachelor of science degree.

Most Hours



Don Burwell, center, with 679 hours, Larry Barnes, left, with 517, and Henry Nelson with 584, were each awarded a fired clay pot, hand-crafted by blind artisan Ann Furnas, in recognition of their volunteer contributions in 1985.

Agnes Rasik, Joe Thibault, Eugene Boyer, Nancy Brock, Ethel Lewis, "B" Miller, Frank Lininger, and Robert Mauk, with 200 or more hours apiece: Jackie Sobbecki, Lori Danzik, Kenny Hayes, Doris McCarthy, Virginia

Lewandowski, Alta Baucom, Leonard Burns, Karen Jackson, Bill Van Orman, Frank Siska, Lois Henning, Elaine Kohler, Pat Clay, and Sandra Hornbeak, each with 100 or more hours.

Reading Veteran Recognized by UW for Long Service

Henry G. Nelson, a Sight Center volunteer who has been taping books for blind students since 1969, was one of three area citizens honored for unusual service by the United Way of Greater Toledo in February.

Mr. Nelson, of Waterville, Mrs. Violet Cousino, Toledo, and Mrs. Toddy Patoff, Sylvania, were named the first recipients of the Henry L. Morse Community Service Award.

The award was created in memory of Mr. Morse, who died in 1982 after a half-century of civic leadership in Toledo.

Mr. Nelson and the others were chosen from a field of 134 nominees on the basis of their commitment to volunteerism and social responsibility, perseverance, and innovative efforts to overcome unusual challenges.

Mr. Nelson, who retired in 1971 as chief of quality control for Owens-Illinois Corp.'s forest products division, will observe his 80th birthday August 12.

He estimated that he has spent at least 5,000 hours taping books over a 17-year span, plus countless other hours supervising and coordinating the taping of books for the blind by other volunteer readers. Since 1984, he has also been a volunteer driver for the Sight Center.

He taught Sunday school at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Toledo,

for 15 years before moving to Waterville, and was a volunteer day camp adviser to area Girl Scout groups for four years in the 1970's.

He has also served as a companion and driver to several elderly invalids in recent years.

Last year, he taught three half-hour class sessions in music to seven fourth-grade groups in the Waterville and Monclova Elementary Schools in Lucas County, lecturing and demonstrating instruments, dance and vocal music of the Renaissance Period.

He formerly played French horn in the Toledo and Charleston, W. Va., symphony orchestras. He no longer plays professionally, preferring instead to listen to music, utilizing his high-fidelity system and radio when he cannot attend symphonies, operas and ballet in person.

But his preferred avocation is babysitting. He is the acknowledged grandfather — magistrate of more than 100 people, many of them now adults with families of their own who call on him to sit with their children.

He is an accomplished photographer, an excellent cribbage player, and retains an avid interest in outdoor life.

Mr. Nelson has sons, Thomas, of Waterville, and Richard, of Ocala, Fla., and 15 grandchildren. His wife, the former Grace Stoffel, died in 1969.

Shrine Circus Turnout Is Largest in Memory

The largest crowd of blind people in recent memory—125 men, women and children—turned out April 30 for an afternoon of entertainment at the annual Shrine Circus in Toledo's Sports Arena.

A busload of circus-goers met at the Sight Center for the ride across the river, where they were joined by others who had arranged their own transportation.

All were guests of Toledo's Zenobia Shrine, which has sponsored the circus here annually for the past 35 years, according to Shriner Nevin Rathke, chairman of ushers.

Equipped with special head-phones installed earlier by volunteers

from the Telephone Pioneers of America, they followed the action under the Big Top act by act, thanks to a narration by Rich Hoffer, air personality for WSPD Radio, Toledo.

Each also received a bag of peanuts from the Pioneers and a box of popcorn and soft drink from the Shrine.

The outing drew an enthusiastic reaction from Sight Center client Cathy Gill.

"I really appreciate the generosity of the Shriners and the Pioneers," she said. "I know the Pioneers had to go to a great deal of work to install the sound arrangement. It worked perfectly."

Exhibit Places First



First place for educational purposes was awarded to the Sight Center's exhibit in the 1986 "Kids Are Special" Health Fair at Franklin Park Mall April 17-18, shown above. Agency personnel, with volunteer assistance from students in the Owens Technical College optical program, screened the sight of 4,729 children in the two-day event.

A Different Perspective



Eyeglasses modified to simulate such forms of blindness as cataract, diabetic retinopathy, retinitis pigmentosa and others gave these members of Girl Scout Troop 280, Temperance, Michigan, a partial understanding of problems blind people must deal with when they toured the Center in January. They are Virginia Carner, Cindy Selle, Ramona Sanderlin, Kitty Kolb, Renee Ladd, Keren Smith and Tina Smith. Scouts Jeannine Meinhart and Jamie Windom, plus advisers Lynn Smith, Brenda Selle and Florence Windom, also took the tour.

Getting Ready



Telephone Pioneers of America worked several hours beforehand to rig the listening apparatus for the blind circus-goers. Above, Marv Caris, splicing technician from Ohio Bell Telephone Company, and Mary Ann McKinney, supervisor of Ohio Bell's mail department, were busy with lines. Frank Siska, left, a partner of the Pioneers, took time from his usual volunteer work—repairing Talking Book machines and cassette players—to help out.



Eye-Care Program for Elderly Goes into Operation Locally

National Eye Care Project Helpline (NECP), a program to prevent eye disease and blindness among the nation's elderly, became available in Ohio and Michigan May 5.

The program offers ophthalmological care to U.S. citizens and legal residents 65 and over who have medical eye problems, but who do not have a medical eye doctor. It is sponsored locally by the Ohio Ophthalmological Society and the Michigan Ophthalmological Society.

Elderly people who qualify on the basis of age and residence may set the program in motion by calling a toll-free Helpline—1-800-222-EYES—to receive the name of a volunteer ophthalmologist who will provide treatment regardless of the patient's ability to pay, according to an announcement from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The Helpline matches callers with ophthalmologists in their communities who are donating their services.

Participating physicians will examine the patient and provide treatment as long as necessary for any eye conditions diagnosed, the announcement said.

When a patient is covered by Medicare or private insurance, the ophthalmologist will accept Medicare payments or assignment of insurance as payment in full.

Patients who have no insurance will receive treatment at no out-of-pocket expense to them, the announcement said.

If hospital care is needed, the ophthalmologist will work with a local institution to make hospital care available.

However, hospital charges, eyeglasses, and prescription drugs are not paid for through the program.

Nearly 7,000 volunteer eye doctors are taking part in the nationwide project, which has been opening on a region-by-region basis and is expected to be in full operation by next July 21.

A three-state pilot study by the sponsors indicates that the participating ophthalmologists will have treated 40,000 cataracts, 15,000 cases of macular degeneration, 5,500 cases of glaucoma and 3,000 cases of diabetic retinopathy by the end of 1986.

Christmas Cheer



Stuffed animals for last December's Christmas party for sight-handicapped children were donated by members of Zenobia Shrine, Toledo. Children's worker Pam Croson accepted the toys from Shriners Ed Tellam, center, and Frank Mohler.

Memorial Contributions

A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to the Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by the Sight Center from October 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986.

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Wills:

An Investment in the Future

The Sight Center receives a considerable part of its income from thoughtful people who have made provision in their wills for assisting the blind. We do not know in advance when these gifts are coming, nor from whom. But year by year, the importance of this thoughtful form of giving grows in importance, providing enduring gifts to men, women and children who must deal with severe sight loss.

If you are preparing a will or are revising one, you can create a living memorial to benefit blind and visually impaired people served by the Sight Center by including the following statement:

I give, devise and bequeath to The Toledo Society for the Blind

Bequests may be made in any form: real estate, money, proceeds of an insurance policy, stocks and bonds or other assets.

We ask that your bequest be unencumbered—that is, not given for a strictly limited purpose or program—because rehabilitation services are continuing to evolve. Programs or services that are vital today could be replaced by more effective methods in the future.

Gifts to the Toledo Society for the Blind will reduce the amount of your estate which may be taxed under both state and federal law. Ask your attorney, trust officer or advisor for information and assistance.

Your generosity will assist sight-handicapped people achieve their full potential as human beings.

Harold Melcher, by Jack and Rita Batesole; Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Geisel; Mr. and Mrs. William Centz; Barbara Hartman; Mrs. Margaret S. Lindemulder; Mrs. Laurel Matzinger; Barry A. and Cathy S. McEwen; Mrs. Virginia Nestell; Dorothy Ann Radel; Susan and Lee Skates; Kevin F. Smith and Fat Schoen Smith.
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